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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, NO. 235, AUGUST 11, 1978
(SALT TWO - 1839)

1. AT DRAFTING GROUP MEETING AUG. 11, OKUN POSED SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON SOVIET-PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR FIFTH COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO ARTICLE II.5, FOCUSING ON OMISSION OF "VICE-VERSA" LANGUAGE AND ON SOVIET USE OF THE TERM "MODERNIZATION" VICE "MODIFICATION." SMOLIN STATED VICE-VERSA LANGUAGE WAS REDUNDANT, BUT INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH CONCEPT. SMOLIN STATED SOVIETS PREFERRED TERM "MODERNIZATION" BECAUSE IT IS ALREADY USED IN TREATY PROVISIONS, AND TERM "MODIFICATION" WOULD REQUIRE AN AGREED DEFINITION. OFF THE RECORD, HE INDICATED THAT POSSIBLE SOLUTION MAY BE USE OF TERM "MODERNIZATION" IN COMMON UNDERSTANDING, MAKING CLEAR THAT FOR THIS PURPOSE IT MEANT ONLY US CONCEPT OF "MODIFICATION."

2. OKUN RESTATED US POSITION ON COOPERATIVE MEASURES AS USED IN SECOND SECTION OF THE JOINT STATEMENT, NOTING THAT WHEN THE SIDES DEEM IT NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE AGREED
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COOPERATIVE MEASURES COULD BE UNDERTAKEN WHICH, IN THE STRICT SENSE, WOULD BE INDEPENDENT FROM NTM, AND THE US WOULD LIKE TO HOLD OPEN THE POSSIBILITY FOR SUCH MEASURES WHICH ARE NOT STRICTLY TIED TO NTM. SMOLIN CITED PROVEN ADEQUACY OF NTM FOR SALT ONE AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENT ON NTM FOR VERIFICATION OF SALT TWO, BUT ALSO STATED THAT SOVIET SIDE IS READY TO GO FURTHER ON THE QUESTION

OF VERIFICATION, ON THE BASIS OF NTM.

3. OKUN ALSO RESTATED US UNDERSTANDING OF TERM ENCRYPTION/SHIFROVANIYE, READING TEXT OF US NON-PAPER OF JULY 20 (SALT TWO - 1815). IN RESPONSE, SMOLIN STATED THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL EITHER BEING MIS-TRANSLATED OR MISUNDERSTOOD. HOWEVER, THE CONTENT OF ARTICLE XV HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AND SOVIET SIDE SAW NO NEED TO ADD ANYTHING. OKUN STATED THE US PROPOSAL DID NOT ADD TO CONTENT BUT WAS AIMED AT MAKING EXPLICIT AN ALREADY EXISTING IMPLICIT AGREEMENT.

4. SMOLIN RESPONDED TO US REMARKS AT LAST DRAFTING GROUP MEETING ON CONSULTATIONS IN ARTICLE II.3, STATING THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE NEEDED IN THE CASE OF ALCM CARRIERS. SOVIET SIDE SAW NO DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN AGREED CONCEPT OF TYPE RULE FOR SUCH HEAVY BOMBERS AND HOLDING CONSULTATIONS. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL WHEN DISCUSSING FRODS FOR THESE PLANES. SMOLIN STATED ARGUMENTS OF US SIDE DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SUBJECTIVITY OF SUBPARA (B) CRITERIA AND OBJECTIVITY OF SUBPARA (C) UNCONVINCING. MCNEILL REBUTTED SMOLIN'S REMARKS, CITING ADEQUACY OF ARTICLE XVII FOR QUESTIONS RE TYPE RULE OR FRODS, AND REAFFIRMING US VIEW THAT CONSULTATIONS NEEDED FOR SUBPARA (B) ONLY.

6. NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 15. EARLE
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